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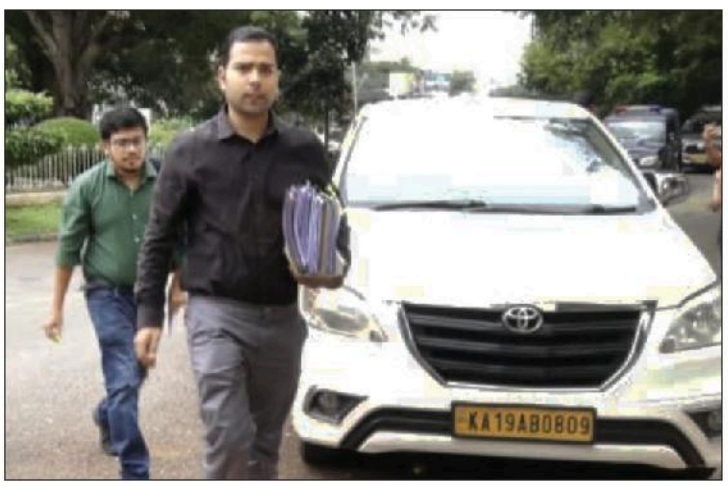
ED wraps up 41-hour raid on MUDA office

Investigators leave for Bengaluru at 2.30 am with key documents, hard drives

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (RK, BLU & BCT)- In a high-stakes operation, Enforcement Directorate (ED) officers have seized crucial documents linked to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 site allotment scam.

The 12-member ED team wrapped up its intense two-day raid around 2.30 am today, leaving for Bengaluru with a collection of documents, photocopies of land records and hard drives containing key evidence. The probe, which began on Oct. 18 at 10.30 am, spanned nearly 41 hours, stretching well into the early morning.

Based on the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi and others, the ED is probing the allotment of 14 MUDA sites to Parvathi, in Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages, in exchange of her 3.16-acre land at Kesare.



Enforcement Directorate (ED) Officers arriving at the MUDA office on JLB Road in city yesterday morning.

During the raid, ED officials camped at the MUDA office and slept in rooms and corridors, while more than 20 armed Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel, along with local Police, ensured round-the-clock security. Food and sleeping materials were ferried to the MUDA Office.

Yesterday, ED officers worked tirelessly, scouring records until 2 am and uncovering bundles of key evidence, including files related to Parvathi's site allocation. MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan and Secretary Prasanna Kumar provided the requested documents, but frustrations grew as officers struggled to locate some critical papers, sources said.

The ED team also digitised the seized documents, storing them on hard drives. Investigators posed 41 questions to MUDA officials, demanding supporting documents for their responses.

The search continued relentlessly from morning until late into the night, with no break even after 10.30 pm. In a separate room, another team of officers focused on photocopying documents essential to furthering the investigation.

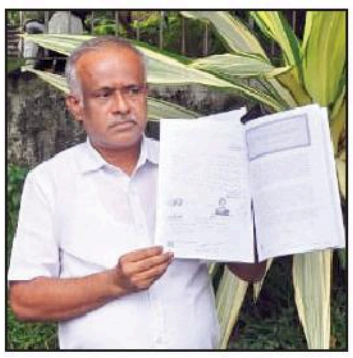
> "We have completely cooperated with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) during the investigation, and the Officers left Mysuru after midnight. Normal public operations will resume from tomorrow. Sadly, MUDA, which was established by the Maharajas with noble intentions of public service, is now embroiled in a controversy, with both Lokayukta and ED investigators conducting probes here."
>
> **— A.N. Raghunandan, Commissioner, Mysuru Urban Development Authority**

Purchase of land on KRS Road

Fresh case likely against CM, wife over 'illegality'

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Oct.20 (KMS & BCT)- As the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Lokayukta intensify its investigation into the site allotment scam at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) concerning the allotment of 14 sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife B.M. Parvathi, in exchange for her 3.16-acre land at Kesare, new allegations have surfaced adding further complexity to the high-profile case.

Parvathi is now accused of illegally acquiring MUDA land. Gangaraju, an RTI activist from Mysuru, has alleged that the CM's wife purchased a parcel of land (property number 65/C) that belonged to A.S. Ganesh Dixit, located at Survey No. 454 on KRS Road near Hebbal in Mysuru taluk, for Rs. 1.85 crore. Dixit owned a total of 4.11 acres.



RTI activist Gangaraju displaying the documents of the contentious land deal to reporters in city.

Gangaraju has stated that he intends to file a complaint with the Karnataka Governor, seeking the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in connection with this fresh allegation involving his wife Parvathi.

According to Gangaraju, Parvathi got 2023.42 square metres of land registered in her name at Mysuru North Sub-Registrar's Office on Sept. 29, 2023.

However, 835.5 square metres of this land were part of a road and contained a pipeline, as per the MUDA plan on Nov. 29, 2019. After realising the issue, Parvathi had the records rectified, re-registering 1,187.92 square metres (out of the original 2023.42 square metres of land registered by her) on Aug. 31, 2024, excluding the road and pipeline area.

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To Our Readers

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 20th October 2024

Two-day national level seminar at AIISH from tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 20- The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) on the occasion of International Stuttering Awareness Day – 2024 will be organising a two-day national level seminar on 'Enhancing Speech Fluency – Evidence Based Approaches for Clinical Practice' from tomorrow (Oct. 21) at its premises in Manasagangothri.

The event will be inaugurated by senior journalist C.J. Rajeeva at Seminar Hall at 9.30 am. AIISH Director Prof. M. Pushpavathi will be present.

International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed every year on Oct. 22 to raise awareness about the challenges faced by persons who stutter. This year, the theme of International Stuttering Awareness Day 2024, is 'The Power of Listening' to encourage everyone to think about how we listen to people who stutter.

This event will bring together 10 experts from all around the world to share the latest insights and strategies for improving stuttering.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Today, mental health has emerged as one of the biggest concerns in the world. Youth had something to look forward to in the previous generations. They explored the world and gradually discovered new things. Today, due to the internet, those experiences are available at our fingertips with little effort. With all experiences and stimuli arriving so quickly, they feel lost and unsure of where to go. So, there is a natural seeking for happiness. The pursuit of happiness starts at a much younger age today. However, if they are not given the right direction or philosophy in life, aggression and depression can set in.

We are not taught how to handle negative emotions at school or at home. We teach dental hygiene but forget to teach mental hygiene. Stress does not go away by just talking or advising. We need to learn some techniques and tools to get rid of stress and calm the mind. This is where meditation and breathing techniques can play an important role. They are the tools that help you calm your mind and make you feel happy from within. The goal of spirituality is to bring such happiness, which nobody can take away from you.

There are two types of happiness: The first is of grabbing or taking. A child enjoys taking things. This is an infant happiness, the desire to possess. The joy of giving is much more fulfilling than the joy of receiving. Have you noticed how happy we feel when we share? For instance, when you see a good movie, you want to tell everybody about it, even recommend that they see it. The movie maker is not giving you any commission to do that; you just feel your loved ones should have the same experience. This is a mature joy that comes from giving.

Graduating from the mindset of taking to giving purifies the mind and brings immense joy. On days when you feel hopeless and low, get out of your room and ask people, 'What can I do for you?' The service you offer will bring a revolution within. When you engage yourself in helping others, you realise that the Divine is taking care of you very well, and life gets filled with love and gratitude.

The willingness to share what we have and to help others without expecting anything in return is called seva. It connects us to others and dissolves barriers that separate our happiness from their happiness. Meditation and seva purify your mind and actions. They are, however, not one-time actions but are to be done repeatedly. Make it a habit. With a few minutes of daily meditation and pranayam, we can cleanse our minds of negative emotions and effectively address mental illness and depression.

— Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man walks 38 dogs at once for a Record

Canada: A canine-loving Canadian broke a Guinness World Record by taking 38 dogs on a single walk for over half a mile.

Mitchell Rudy led a pack of 38 leashed pooches on a .6-mile walk to break the Record for the most dogs walked simultaneously by an individual. The previous record of 36 dogs was set in Goesan, South Korea.

The dogs participating in Rudy's attempt were provided by the Korean K9 Rescue shelter.

"All of these dogs, some of them are from the puppy mill industry, some of them are from former meat harvesting areas," Rudy said.

"These are dogs that have been rescued by KK9R but also other agencies inside of Korea. There's a lot of stigma around rescues. They're great animals, they deserve a good home, they just need a little bit of love."

Rudy said his record attempt was aimed at promoting dog adoption.

World's largest pair of jeans!

China: A Chinese textile company assembled a team of more than 30 garment makers to break the Guinness World Record for largest pair of jeans.

The garment makers with Yixing Textile Co. in Yulin City spent 18 days working to create the massive pants, which measure 250 feet, 5 inches long and have a waist circumference of 190 feet, 10 inches.

The jeans feature 18,044 feet of denim fabric, 25 feet, 59 inches of zipper and a 3-foot, 94-inch stainless steel button.

The tremendous trousers weigh in at a staggering 7,936.64 pounds.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Physical activity helps maintain a healthy weight, strengthens your heart, and boosts your mood. Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise most days of the week.

By Dr. Satish Kumar M.G - Consultant - Internal Medicine
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Two-day State-level AIUTUC Convention on Oct. 26, 27

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (MTY&DM)- The two-day 4th State-level Convention of All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) will take place at Town Hall premises in city on Oct. 26 and 27.

Announcing this at a press meet here recently, AIUTUC leader K. Somashekar said ahead of the convention, a massive procession will be taken out from Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road to the Town Hall at 11 am on Oct. 26.

AIUTUC All-India President K. Radhakrishna will inaugurate the convention at 12 noon. AIUTUC General Secretary Shankardas Gupta will deliver the keynote address, while State leader Chandrashekar Meti will deliver the inaugural address.

Retired Professor Dr. K. Kalachannegowda will inaugurate the Photo Expo organised as part of the convention, following which a session of delegates will take place at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall at 5 pm.

Thousands of Trade Union leaders, workers, labourers and workers of the unorganised sector from across the State are expected to attend the convention, which would discuss labour issues and the challenges.

Invitation Committee Hon. President Dr. K. Kalachannegowda, President Ugra Narasimhegowda, office-bearers M. Umadevi, V. Yashodhar and Chandrashekar Meti were present.

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KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,283.84 feet**	Today's level **2,856.88 feet**
Last year's level **100.84 feet**	Last year's level **2,274.85 feet**	Last year's level **2,855.52 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,283.79 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,856.49 feet**
Today's Inflow **8,597 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,528 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **896 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **8,337 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,050 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **550 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Sponges are older than Dinosaurs.***
- ***The thresher shark uses its scythe-like tail to hunt by slap small fish like sardines stunning them.***
- ***Moray eels are not aggressive when they open and close their mouth, they are actually just breathing.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Customer to a Bank Manager: *Sir, do you grow money on tree.*
Bank Manager: *Oh! You crack jokes well my customer; it does not.*
Customer: *Then how do you have a branch?!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.07
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 109.73
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.89
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.37

VOICE OF THE READER

Nightmarish experience during Yuva Dasara

Sir,

This is to bring to attention an alarming incident that occurred during Yuva Dasara near Uthanahalli on city outskirts. My friend and I, both young women in our early twenties, were enjoying the energy of crowd and the electrifying beats of A.R. Rahman's concert. However, what began as a night of excitement quickly turned into a terrifying experience when we suspected we were being followed by a group of suspicious men.

In an attempt to evade them, we decided to blend in with departing crowd and head towards our parked vehicle. But this plan backfired. Lost in sea of improperly aligned vehicles in parking lot, panic set in as we realised we were not only disoriented but also unable to contact anyone due to poor network connectivity.

We sought help from several Policemen and fellow concert-goers, but all we received were vague answers like, "We only have three parking areas — one on the right, then mid and the next one." Nobody seemed to know for sure which area was for BookMyShow parking or Parking 1, despite us repeatedly asking for directions to Parking 1, where we had seen signs for BookMyShow parking. It was clear that the parking lot wasn't properly organised or labelled.

As midnight approached, the situation grew even more terrifying. The lights were turned off within 30 minutes of concert ending at 11.28 pm, leaving us to rely on our mobile flashlights to navigate darkened lot. To make matters worse, we noticed a group of men drinking behind an Omni van in parking area, further heightening our fear.

When we approached another concert-goer for help in English, he taunted us, suggesting that we were showing off by speaking English and should instead speak in Kannada. After midnight, we encountered other distressed concert-goers, including two women from Kerala, also struggling to find their vehicles. We joined forces, determined to locate our cars together.

Although we clearly remembered where we had parked and the nearby landmarks, the identical appearance of the parking areas, combined with the lack of lighting and proper guidance, left us disoriented. The distance between parking lots only added to the confusion.

That night was filled with terror and frustration, serving as a stark reminder of dangers lurking even in environments that seem safe. This incident underscores urgent need for improved safety measures, proper assistance for concert-goers, and reliable network connectivity.

It is disheartening that despite our repeated requests for help, no one was willing to assist us in finding our vehicle.

—An aggrieved citizen
Mysuru
11.10.2024

An 1852 Kodava house to open at

DakshinaChitra Museum in Chennai on Oct. 23

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (BCT)- DakshinaChitra, the living-history museum and a project of Madras Craft Foundation, is set to unveil its 19th addition — a meticulously restored 1852 Kodava house from Coorg (Kodagu).

Located at DakshinaChitra Museum on East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Chengalpet district, Tamil Nadu, the house will officially open on Oct. 23 at 11.30 am, with Ju Seong Kyu, the Managing Director of Mobis India Foundation (the CSR arm of Hyundai Mobis) presiding over the event.

The Kodavas, a unique community known for their distinct customs, heritage, attire and cuisine, will have these aspects vividly showcased within the house.

Kodagu, nestled in the Western Ghats, is renowned for its rich, forested, mountainous terrain, and the Kodavas have long been its protectors, safeguarding its wildlife and biodiversity for centuries. A dedicated exhibition on the Western Ghats will highlight the global importance of conserving these biodiversity hotspots. Kodava music and dance, a cherished part of the community's culture, will also be showcased. A Kodava troupe from Kodagu will perform on both Oct. 23 and 24 to celebrate the house's inauguration.

Rathi Vinay Jha

The Kodava House exhibition has been curated by Gigi Scaria, while the Western Ghats exhibition has been curated by Shekar Dattatri and Saravana Kumar. Contributions from ***Sandooka: The Living Museum of Kodava Culture,*** founded by retired IAS Officer Rathi Vinay Jha of the Codanda family, enrich the display with images, content and videos. She is also the Life Trustee of the Madras Craft Foundation.

The construction of the Kodava house and the exhibition has been entirely supported by Mobis India Foundation. The opening ceremony will conclude with a traditional Kodava folk performance.

Rathi Vinay Jha and Founder of Madras Craft Foundation and DakshinaChitra Museum Dr. Deborah Thiagarajan will address the gathering. Head of CSV Strategy Team, HQ Mobis Lee Chang Jun and Kim Kyung Jin from the CSV Strategy Team, HQ Mobis will be present.

Dasara expo: Roadside vendors prove a hurdle for visitors, shopkeepers

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (MK&BS)- The menace of roadside vendors in and outside Dasara Exhibition ground in the city, has resulted in a severe inconvenience to the visitors to the expo.

Every Dasara, the exhibition organised as part of the annual festival, draws people in hordes daily. However, the roadside vendors have been occupying the spaces in a rather haphazard manner, proving troublesome even to access the ticket counters outside the main entrance.

Apart from the visitors, the vendors who had set up stalls spending several lakhs of rupees on investment and rent, are suffering a huge loss, with no business. The roadside vendors swarm around the visitors on their way to the stalls, not sparing the narrow lanes that lead to Government stalls, food stalls, Karanji (water cascade junction) and selfie spot.

Kids, elderly persons go missing

Amid this hustle and bustle of road side vendors, the incidents of children and senior citizens losing their way, only to find them later, are being reported.

The moot question here is, who gave permission to such a huge number of unauthorised vendors to conduct business? When asked, vendors passed the buck on another including the unknown persons, besides taking the names of Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and also the contractor — FunWorld India Resort Limited, which has secured the bid for Rs. 11 crore including the ticket counter, parking, food stalls and amusement park.

Ambulance

On the other hand, there are complaints about ambulance being stationed on the exhibition premises for a few hours in the evening, even though it has to be kept ready on the premises, to cater to any emergency, between 3 pm and 10 pm.

In addition to this, the KEA staff including the officials vacate the premises in the evening, with no staff available to air any grievances.

In dark

The exhibition is open from 3 pm to 9.30 pm on the week days and from 3 pm to 10 pm on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and on Government holidays. However, on Saturday, the lights at Dasara exhibition were turned off at 9.30 pm itself, half-an-hour behind the schedule.

NEWS BRIEFS

Apprenticeship Mela tomorrow

An Apprenticeship Mela for ITI and SSLC candidates has been organised at the Government ITI College on Bengaluru Road in N.R. Mohalla at 9 am tomorrow (Oct. 21). Eligible ITI and 10th std. passed students can attend. For details, contact Mob: 99457-11787 or 99456-16088, according to a press release.

Free Ayurvedic Check-up Camp

Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital near Devegowda Circle, Mysuru, is organising a free Ayurvedic Health Check-up Camp on 'Calcaneal Spur (Heel Pain) from Oct. 21 to 27 from 10 am to 4 pm. For details, contact Mob: 95359-35393.

Student scholarship

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited online applications from Backward Classes and Category-1 (Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic tribes) students studying vocational degree and Post-graduate degree courses for availing Post-Matric student scholarship, reimbursement of fee and facilities under 'Vidyasiri' scheme. The eligible students can apply through the portal: ***https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in***. Last date for applying is Nov. 30. For details, contact Mob: 80507-70005.

Artworks invited for Dasara Expo

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has invited artworks prepared by women and children for display at the ongoing Dasara Expo. Women artists and painters can bring their inlay works, sculptures, Mysore arts, Paintings etc., to the KEA Office before Oct. 23. The artworks put up on display can be taken back by the artists after the Dasara Expo concludes on Dec. 31. However, the KEA is not liable to pay any relief for any damages to the artworks due to freak mishaps and other causes. For details, contact Mob: 72042-02444 or 99868-46047.

Ph.D awardee

Somy Augustine has been awarded Ph.D in English by the University of Mysore (UoM), for her thesis titled 'Reclaiming the Indigenous Voice: A Comparative Study of the Fiction of Ruby Slipperjack and Richard Wagamese' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Yeshoda Nanjappa.

50:50 ratio land swap deal for CM's wife

ED poses 41 questions to MUDA; seeks documents

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (BCT)- In its investigation into the allotment of 14 Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, in Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages, exchanged for her 3.16-acre land at Kesare under the 50:50 ratio scheme, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has posed 41 questions to MUDA officials.

The four-page document, titled "Questionnaire for Mysore Urban Development Authority," was prepared on Oct. 5, 2024, and signed by Assistant Director Murali Kannan, attached to the Enforcement Directorate.

The ED's inquiry focuses on the land scam, with 41 detailed questions regarding the allotment of the 14 sites to Parvathi. Among them, the ED seeks a copy of the preliminary notification dated 18.09.1992 concerning land acquisition for Devanur Layout, particularly for Kesare Village. It also requests the final notification dated 20.08.1997, covering the statutory provisions for land acquisition in Kesare.

Sketch of Devanur Layout

The ED has demanded a sketch of the land earmarked for Devanur Layout, highlighting survey numbers 462 and 464, along with the Joint Measurement Survey (JMC) conducted for these sites. Additionally, it seeks details of compensation payments and

Police personnel guarding the main gate of MUDA.

price fixation for the Kesare land acquisition.

Further questions include copies of the general award from 31.10.1997, the Deputy Commissioner's approval, the award notice from 30.03.1998, and whether the compensation for Survey Nos. 462 and 464 were deposited with judicial authorities. The ED also probes into whether any claim was filed by the landowner for the general award.

Details of other allottees

The investigation covers the formation of sites on Survey Nos. 462 and 464, asking for sketches, proceedings and details of the 19 persons allotted sites there. The ED inquired whether any money was collected from these 19 individuals and the current status of the allotments.

Notably, the agency is scrutinising the representation submitted by J. Devaraju (who sold the land to CM's brother-in-law B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy) on 13.08.1996, questioning when it was received, whether it included a legal heir certificate, and if any proceedings were conducted based on it.

Denotification details

The ED demanded a copy of the denotification related to Survey No. 464, seeking the reasons for it, whether the entire survey number was denotified, and if any subsequent land acquisition occurred. Additionally, it asked for approval documents and the rules for compensation fixation for the 3.16-acre land in Survey No. 464.

The probe also seeks MUDA resolutions, particularly the 2017 recommendation to allot alternative sites to Parvathi and the 2021 resolution. It asks for the representation submitted by Parvathi on 25.10.2021, the relinquishment deed from 25.11.2021, and the Government order dated 05.01.2022.

Government approved documents

The ED sought information on the 50:50 scheme for alternative site allotment to land losers, whether it was approved by the State Government, and details of alternative site allotments for the 3.16-acre land in Kesare.

The investigation also covers the current status of the Devanur Layout, the extent of land acquired, sites formed and allocated, unused land and compensation paid under the 50:50 scheme. The ED sought year-wise details on the 3.16-acre land's development work, expenses and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan obtained for the project.

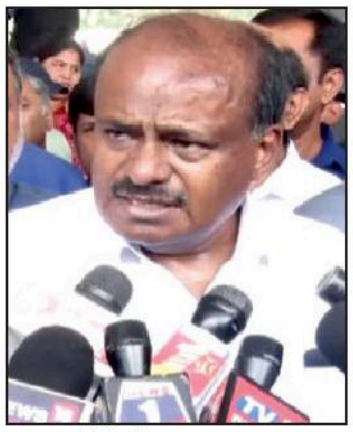
Finally, the ED sought details into the specifics of the 14 alternative sites allocated to Parvathi, including layout names, site details and the selection methodology. It also inquires whether any other applications were received for these sites.

I will become CM again with people's blessings: HDK

Mandya, Oct. 20- Expressing doubts over the completion of five years tenure (2023-28) by the Congress Government, Union Minister and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) said that he would become the Chief Minister again with the blessings of the people even before 2028.

Speaking to press persons after taking part in the valedictory of the two-day Udyoga Mela at Mandya on Saturday, Kumaraswamy said he believes the people would give him another opportunity to become the Chief Minister, may be even before 2028 as he has serious doubts about the Congress completing its tenure.

Pointing out that he has not got an opportunity for becoming the CM for a full five-year term, HDK said he was the CM twice under the mercy of others. Noting that the people have seen his administration, he expressed confi-



H.D. Kumaraswamy

dence that they would give him another opportunity to become the CM, this time for a full term.

Alleging that public money is getting looted and Government properties are being grabbed in the state, he said that the Congress Government can give Rs. 10,000 under Gruha Lakshmi guarantee scheme against the monthly Rs. 2,000, if it puts a break on loot of public money.

City Congress stages candle light demonstration

Mysuru, Oct.20 (MK&DM)-Accusing the Centre of making attempts to destabilise the popularly elected Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led Congress Government in the State by misusing central agencies such as CBI, I-T and ED, the city Congress, in association with Dalit Mahasabha and Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike, took out a candlelight demonstration in the city yesterday.

The protestors who gathered in front of Town Hall, staged the candle light demonstration, raised slogans against the Centre, State BJP and Central agencies for making efforts to pull down the Government.

Addressing the protestors, Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu said the opposition parties in the state were jealous of the Siddaramaiah Government and hence they are making attempts to destabilise it. Charging the Centre of plotting to bring down the Government either by hook or crook, he alleged that CBI, ED and I-T have become tools in the hands of the Centre and are acting as per the directions of their masters.

Shivaramu warned of intensifying the protest if the Centre continues to unfairly target the Siddaramaiah Government using central agencies.

Dalit Mahasabha leader S. Maridevaiah, City Congress leaders S. Rajesh, Lokesh Madapura, Yogesh, Ravinandan, Prakash, Ravi, Siddaraju, Keshava, Sunil, Ravi Nayaka, Srinivas and others took part in the protest.

Dasara illumination: Tourists still thronging city

With Dasara illumination to conclude on Oct. 23, tourists are still arriving in large numbers to view the illumination in city. Picture shows bumper-to-bumper traffic on the road in front of City Bus Stand. Picture right shows tourists enjoying the lightings in an open top vehicle on D. Devaraj Urs Road yesterday.

Bent sections of retaining wall rectified on NH-275 in Mandya

MP Yaduveer inspects work; asks NHAI engineers to ensure safety

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar visited two locations along the Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway-275 that have raised safety concerns, as sections of the retaining wall near Hale Boodanoor village and Induvalu in Mandya taluk were found to be bent.

Accompanied by officials from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Yaduveer was assured that the necessary maintenance work on the walls had been completed, with the officials stating there was no need for public concern.

During his inspection, Yaduveer instructed the officials to take additional precautions to prevent such incidents from recurring and emphasised the importance of thorough maintenance. He also received complaints about drainage issues on certain road sections and directed the officials to address them promptly.

On Oct. 16, *Star of Mysore* published a report titled ***'20 months after Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway opens... Retaining wall slants, raising safety concerns,'*** which highlighted the issue.

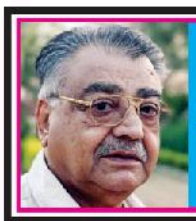
Speaking to the reporters, Yaduveer stressed the significance of the Mysuru-Bengaluru highway project, describing it as a gift to the region's people under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Central government.

"Ensuring the safety of this road is of utmost priority. Based on reports from the NHAI and media, I visited the site to gather firsthand information. The necessary repairs and maintenance have been completed, and the road is now fully safe, as confirmed by officials. I will always stand by the people of my Constituency, and any concerns, big or small, will be addressed until resolved," he said.

Lotus and Lily expo cynosure of all eyes

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (MTY&VNS)- Lotus and Lily exhibition being organised at Dhvanyaloka on Bogadi Road has been attracting a lot of audience. This expo has also displayed various art works including ikebana, origami among others.

One can see various stages of the plants growth at the expo. The spiritual significance, medicinal values, agriculture technology and other uses of these flowers is also being explained. Experts at the venue are also providing useful information about the flowers apart from teaching the methods to grow the flowers. The expo will be open till 9 pm today (Oct. 20).



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

A Tale of Karnataka State

A Time of Despair and No Hope

This is the time one should remember the opening paragraph of Charles Dickens' famous novel *"A Tale of Two Cities"* in the context of today's Karnataka. It is worth quoting:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,... it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us,..."

In short, the period was not a good one. Dickens was actually mocking at what was happening during that period. The Truth was camouflaged in those contradictions.

At present in Karnataka there is no such contradictions. It is the Worst of Times, it is the Age of Foolishness, there seems No Hope and we are living in a State of Despair.

No wonder, the famous **Kodi Mutt Seer Sri Shivananda Shivayogi Rajendra Swamiji,** known for making political predictions, while in Chikkaballapur recently, described the political ecosystem of today's Karnataka in his own esoteric words alluding to an incident in Mahabharata epic:

In the Mahabharata, there was Krishna and so Bhima could win against Duryodhana. But today we do not have Krishna and so the (present day) Duryodhana will win. The inference is clear. Your guess is my guess. Let it be.

The Seer, however, said, Siddaramaiah does not have the 'blessings of God' thereby implying that he might resign his Office as Chief Minister. If we want to believe this, listen to the wag who said that the prediction of an astrologer and a meteorologist are similar!

It is unfortunate for Karnataka that after S.M. Krishna as the Chief Minister, the State politics plunged into turmoil and continues to be in that state with Siddaramaiah as the Chief Minister since 2013-2018 to this day for a second term since May 2023.

Yes, he brought in stability to the Government but not to the Administration. **From day one, the Administration was mired in discrimination and favouritism under an autocracy.** Not an **oligarchy.** Nehru was the first oligarch, we were told. Then it was from 2004 to 2014 — *de facto* Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and *de jure* PM Sonia Gandhi. But, happily, there was no turbulence or instability in the Administration though venal.

Bhagwan Shree Osho Rajneesh

"The man of power is ruined by power, the man of money by money, the submissive man by subservience, the pleasure seeker by pleasure."— **Hermann Hesse**

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear and heed My words." —**Jesus Christ**

Now in Karnataka, Law and Order is under severe stress with law-breakers having a free run emboldened by a State being soft towards them.

For example, the State Government's decision to withdraw criminal cases such as the attempt to murder, rioting and attacking the old Police Station in the terrifying Hubballi riots of 2022.

Therefore, it is not surprising many State-run bodies and quasi-government organisations came to be managed by incompetent and corrupt officials with the tacit approval of elected representatives and Ministers.

Just two examples: The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes (ST) Development Corporation Ltd. This one, dedicated to help the poor Valmiki Scheduled Tribes, was looted. There may be many other scams waiting to be exposed, nay exhumed, but unlikely unless some daring RTI activists pursue them as in the case of MUDA 50:50 site distribution scam. In the case of Valmiki Development Corporation scam, it was the death by suicide of an Officer of the Corporation which exposed the misappropriation of crores of rupees meant for the poor people of the Valmiki community.

In the present disturbing, dismal conditions in our State, we must take consolation in the wise discourse of **Osho,** the Mystic and Godman of this age of despair:

"A great mystic died. When he reached Paradise, he asked God, 'Why was Jesus not born in the twentieth century?'"

[Now, we are in the 21st century and waiting for Jesus]

The Lord God started laughing and said, "Impossible! Impossible!! Where would the 20th (or 21st) century people ever find three wise men or a virgin?"

I think it is for a similar reason Lord Krishna is not born in our country as an *Avatar* to destroy the evil and establish *Dharma* as promised by Him in the *Bhagavad Gita,* the Holy Book of Hindus.

But there seems no worry on that promise because Indians still think they are in the **Paradise,** according to Osho. In a discourse, this was how Osho Rajneesh explained this phenomenon:

There was a school, a Christian missionary school, but with a few non-Christian boys as well, who were also taught the Bible, the parables and the stories.

One day the School Inspector came and asked a small kid: Who was the first man and who was the first woman?

The kid replied: Adam and Eve.

The Inspector was pleased and he said, "To what nationality did they belong?"

And the kid said: Indian, of course.

The Inspector was a little bit disturbed but he still asked: Why do you think they belonged to the Indian nationality?

The kid said smiling: "Easy! They had no shelter over their heads, no clothes to wear, nothing to eat except one apple between the two of them — and still they believed this was Paradise! They were Indians."

Alleluia!

With five guarantees, all free, Karnataka must be the new Paradise for the beneficiaries who form a bulk of voters and with 136 MLAs, the Chief Minister must be deluding himself to be above the Law. But, in jurisprudence we are taught that the long arm of the Law will catch the accused sooner or later because no matter how high you are, the Law is above you.

And yet, in the absence of Lord Krishna, as the Kodi Mutt Seer said, the autocrat Chief Minister may succeed in bringing down the Law from its high pedestal and win. Thereafter, Karnataka will be a Paradise of the kind described by that school student!

Let us pray and wait for the new dawn.

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Fresh case likely against CM

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The land in question, located on KRS Road, is a prime commercial spot. Gangaraju claimed that Parvathi acquired a portion of this land that was originally earmarked for MUDA's infrastructure projects. He further alleged that she registered this section in her name, raising serious questions about the legality of the transaction.

After Gangaraju brought the issue to light through an RTI application, amendments were made to the land records on Aug. 30 and 31, 2024, reducing the registered land to exclude the MUDA properties.

"Ganesh Dixit had set aside land for a road and pipeline, but Parvathi included this area in her registration on Sept. 29, 2023, when she purchased the property. After I sought information under RTI, Parvathi, aware of the situation, re-registered the land, excluding the MUDA portion. It has become a pattern for Parvathi to return the land as soon as she faces any legal issues. She did the same in her 3.16-acre land in Kesare through which she got 14 sites in Vijayanagar," he explained.

Kin among two arrested for killing brother-in-law

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SBD&KS)-Metagalli Police have arrested two persons including the brother-in-law of murder victim on charge of killing at a lodge in city. Those arrested are Vinod (brother-in-law of the deceased) and his relative Anand. The two accused had allegedly murdered Manoj, a native of Periyapatna.

It is learnt that there was a property dispute between Vinod and Manoj and despite this Vinod and Anand had accompanied Manoj to Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru on Oct. 13.

They had checked in to a lodge near the Hospital that night during which a scuffle broke out between Vinod and Manoj. As the fight escalated, Vinod allegedly assaulted Manoj with a lethal weapon with Anand's help. Later, Vinod and Anand had gone absconding.

Metagalli Police had registered a case and the Police team, led by Inspector Diwakar, who began the investigation arrested both the accused, three days back.

Police sources said that it is a pre-planned murder and the truth will come out after a thorough investigation. Both the accused have been remanded to judicial custody.

Inter-School Chess Tournament inaugurated in city

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and** Star of Mysore & Mysuru Mithra **Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna move chess pieces to mark the inauguration of CCA PAZZO Inter-School Chess Competition organised by Carmel Catholic Association (CCA) at Christ Public School, in Bogadi this morning as** (standing from left) **Educational Secretary of St. Paul Province Rev. Fr. Renish P. Varghese, Mysore Diocese Educational Society Secretary Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha, CCA President Joseph Mathew, Mysore Chess Centre Director Nagendra Muralidhar and CCA PAZZO Chess Tournament Convenor P.D. Babu look on. Picture left shows a section of students participating in the tournament.

Online fraud: Three from city lose over Rs. 39 lakh

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SBD&KS)- In separate cases, three persons from city have lost a total of Rs. 39.54 lakh to online fraudsters.

In the first case, a stranger called a student of Netaji Nagar in the city over phone on Oct. 8, spoke to the student about drug trafficking and told that he would connect the call to Delhi Police Station.

Meanwhile, another fraudster, who made a WhatsApp video call to the student told him that he has been accused in human trafficking, money laundering and Rs. 8 crore cheating cases.

They then told the student that they want to legalise the money in his name, got Rs. 7.18 lakh transferred from him, thus cheating the student.

In the second case, a 58-year-old resident of Bogadi, who was searching for stock trading

process and procedure on the internet, received a message on his WhatsApp asking him to download a mobile app.

The fraudsters then got the man invest a total of Rs. 19.56 lakh in phases and also shared the profit he had earned. When the man tried to withdraw the money, he received a message which stated that his credit score was less. The man then realised that he has been taken for a ride.

In the third case, an employee of a private firm at Bhyraveshwaranagar in city received a message from an unknown person and his mobile number was later added to a WhatsApp Group.

The man who was going through the profit received messages shared by others in the group. fell prey to it and in a bid to make money, he clicked on the link sent in the group and opened a trading account.

He then invested a total of Rs. 12.80 lakh and a few days later his trading account showed that he had earned Rs. 53 lakh as profit. But when he tried to withdraw the money, he was asked to pay Rs. 18 lakh as tax. He then came to know that he has been cheated.

All the three cases have been registered at city's CEN Police Station.

Man held for stealing autorickshaws

Vehicles worth Rs. 2.60 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SBD&KS)- Metagalli Police have arrested a man on charge of stealing autorickshaws and have recovered three passenger autos worth Rs. 2.60 lakh from him.

The arrested man is Kiran of the taluk. He was arrested on the Outer Ring Road near Hotel Royal Inn Junction on Oct. 15 by the Police who were on patrol.

On Oct. 11, one Narayan had parked his passenger auto on the 7th Cross in B.M. Sri Nagar and had gone to his friend's house for lunch. When he returned he found his auto stolen and had lodged a complaint at Metagalli Police Station.

The Police, who had registered a case, began working on the case and on Oct. 15, when the Police were on their routine patrolling, saw an auto parked near the Under-Bridge on the Ring Road and went near it to investigate. On seeing the Police approaching the auto, the auto driver abandoned the vehicle and fled from the spot. However, the Police chased and managed to catch hold of him.

Later, the Police verified the details of the auto in Mobile Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (MCCTNS) App and learnt that the auto was stolen.

The Police later brought accused Kiran to the Station and on further interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed that he had lifted three autorickshaws. Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered three stolen autos. With this, auto theft cases, registered in Metagalli, Devaraja and Mandi Police Stations are solved.

Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP G.S. Gajendra Prasad guided Metagalli Inspector R. Diwakar, Sub-Inspectors Jyotsna Rao and Shabareesh, ASI Joseph Noronha and staff Krishna, K.N. Harish, Parashuram Rathod, K.S. Prathap, N.R. Vittal and Nandeesh in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Obituary

Dr. S.P. Tirumalarao

Mysuru, Oct. 20- Dr. S.P. Tirumalarao (86), retired Railway Department senior Medical Officer and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife Nagarathna, sons Adarsh and Das, daughter Padmini, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Dr. Tirumalarao, who had served for over 25 years in the Railway Department had also served as President of Mysuru District Consumer Protection Forum, Member of Karnataka State Consumer Protection Parishat and was the Editor of bilingual monthly newspaper 'Grahaka Taranga' and was the recipient of 'Grahaka Bhushan' Award among other awards.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Oct. 21) afternoon at Gokulam Burial Grounds, according to family sources.

One arrested for attempting to sell narcotic substance near school

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (SBD&KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested a man when he was attempting to sell narcotic substance near a school in city and have seized 35 grams of MDMA and other narcotic substance worth over Rs. 1 lakh from him.

On Oct. 17, the CCB Police received information about a man attempting to sell narcotic substances at the gomala land in Vijayanagar Police limits and raided the place, besides arresting the accused and seizing the narcotic substances. A case has been registered at Vijayanagar Police Station.

It is shocking to know that drug peddlers are attempting to sell narcotic substances near the school and trying to lure college students and hostel inmates in the surrounding, thus expanding their area of operation.

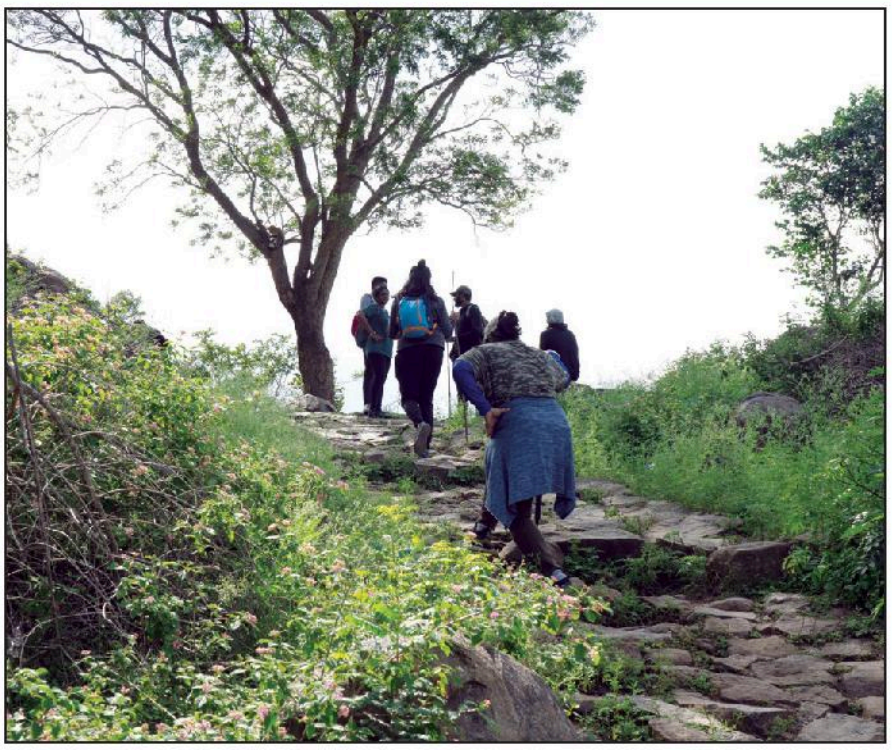
The Police have asked the parents, managements of schools, colleges and hostels to keep a watch over their children and students.

The Police have urged them to inform them immediately if they find any strangers or suspicious persons near educational institutions trying to lure and sell suspicious items to students so that the Police could try to prevent students from falling prey to drugs and also to bring the drug peddlers to book.

Trekking at scenic Nagamale range near MM Hills re-starts

Forest Department issues new guidelines for safety measures, trekker registration

Risking his life, a devotee is seen travelling on the bonnet of an overcrowded jeep.



A group of trekkers on way to Nagamale.

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (MTY&KS) - The Forest Department has officially approved trekking at Nagamale in the Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) and has issued specific guidelines for trekkers.

Devotees visiting MM Hills frequently embark on hikes to Nagamale, often neglecting the narrow paths, dense forests and steep terrains. The number of trekkers has significantly increased overtime.

However, last year, tragedy struck when two techies from Bengaluru were killed in a wild elephant attack during a trek to Nagamale, prompting a ban on trekking in February.

Additionally, vehicles transporting devotees and trekkers from MM Hills to Indiganatha village on Nagamale Road were found to be unfit for operation.

The rising number of devotees created a demand for more vehicles, leading to numerous violations, including the use of vehicles without Fitness Certificates and Motor Vehicle Insurance, with some even lacking registration plates.

After an arduous trek, the group of trekkers are seen in front of Nagamale temple.

Many vehicles exceeded the capacity of eight passengers, with individuals occupying the bonnet and roof, resulting in a staggering total of 18 to 20 passengers per vehicle. In response to the numerous complaints regarding these issues, the Forest Department imposed a temporary ban on vehicle movement to Nagamale.

To address the transportation needs of villagers between MM Hills and Nagamale and to accommodate devotees, the Tulasikere Environment Development Committee, under the Palar Wildlife Range, initiated a vehicle service in 2018-19.

In the light of devotees' requests, the Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division has revamped the trekking experience and established rules for trekkers. Emphasis has been placed on ensuring the security and safety of trekkers, with provisions made to transport trekkers from Haliyur Gate, where the Nagamale Forest begins. Those wishing to trek to Nagamale must visit ***www.aranyavihaara.karnataka.gov.in*** to register. Only 200 trekkers will be permitted each day.

Trekking is allowed for a total distance of 14 km (7 km each way from Haliyur Gate to Nagamale). A Forest Department guide will accompany all trekkers, and plans are in place to gradually increase the number of trekkers permitted in the future.

SAFETY MEASURES

"Previously, during night treks, a person lost his life due to a wild elephant attack. Additionally, vehicles heading to Indiganatha village were deemed unfit for transportation. Many of these vehicles lacked the necessary documentation, prompting a ban to ensure public safety. Now, trekking has been authorised again, but only those who register online will be permitted.

Stringent measures have been implemented to protect both devotees and trekkers, including a ban on single-use plastic items. We found plastic waste scattered along the trekking route, posing a danger to wildlife. In the light of the large quantities of plastic found in the area, we are committed to making the forest plastic-free."

— Dr. Santosh Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division

A villager tending to his cattle at a village between MM Hills and Nagamale.

MUDA 50:50 site scam

Lokayukta Police question Raichur MP G. Kumar Naik

Queries based on his role as Mysuru DC in conversion of 3.16-acre land at Survey No. 464, Kesare

Kumar Naik

Mysuru, Oct. 20 (BLU&BCT)- Former bureaucrat and current Raichur MP G. Kumar Naik, who had earlier served as the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mysuru, was questioned for over two hours by Lokayukta Superintendent of Police T.J. Udesh yesterday from 12.30 pm, regarding the ongoing probe into the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment scam.

Kumar Naik, during his tenure as Mysuru DC from 2002 to 2005, is alleged to have facilitated the conversion of 3 acres and 16 guntas of land in Survey Number 464 of Kesare. This land was purchased by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, from J. Devaraju and later gifted to his sister B.M. Parvathi, CM's wife.

In exchange for this land, Parvathi got 14 sites in Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages under MUDA's controversial 50:50 ratio scheme.

Submissions before High Court

Social activist Snehamayi Krishna termed this land conversion (anyakrantha) as illegal and had submitted documents to High Court following which the Court directed the Mysuru Lokayukta SP to investigate.

Mallikarjunaswamy had purchased 3.16 acres in Survey Number 464 of Kesare from Devaraju. Later, based on the sale deed provided by Mallikarjunaswamy, Kumar Naik reclassified (anyakrantha) the land as agricultural. However, Krishna submitted documents to the Lokayukta and the Court, pointing out that the reclassification itself was illegal.

Krishna pointed out to the HC that Mallikarjuna Swamy issued a conditional sale deed on July 17, 2005, but the stamp paper for the agreement was purchased on July 22, 2005. Krishna questioned how the conditional sale deed could have been issued seven days earlier.

Sites to beneficiaries

MUDA had acquired 3.16 acres of land and developed a layout there, providing basic amenities like roads and underground drainage. MUDA had also approved and handed over five sites to beneficiaries.

Given this, Snehamayi Krishna raised questions about how Kumar Naik initiated the anyakrantha process. Additionally, Snehamayi Krishna pointed out that neither Mallikarjunaswamy's signature nor any witness signatures were present in the conditional sale deed issued by Mallikarjunaswamy.

Kumar Naik told the investigators that land did not bear any indication of development of layout or trees when he and the then Tahsildar inspected the 3.16 acres at Kesare in 2005. However, the actual orders on conversion of the land had been passed by his successors, he said.

Naik defended the decision to convert land from agricultural to non-agricultural as it formed part of area earmarked for residential purposes in the master plan.

'Implement internal reservation before filling up backlog vacancies'

City advocate Arunkumar files writ petition in High Court seeking stay on appointments

Advocate S. Arunkumar addressing media persons in Bengaluru yesterday.

Bengaluru, Oct. 20 (VNS)- Advocate S. Arunkumar of Pragabhi Associates, Mysuru, has filed a writ petition in High Court seeking a stay on government appointments till the internal reservation was implemented by the State Government.

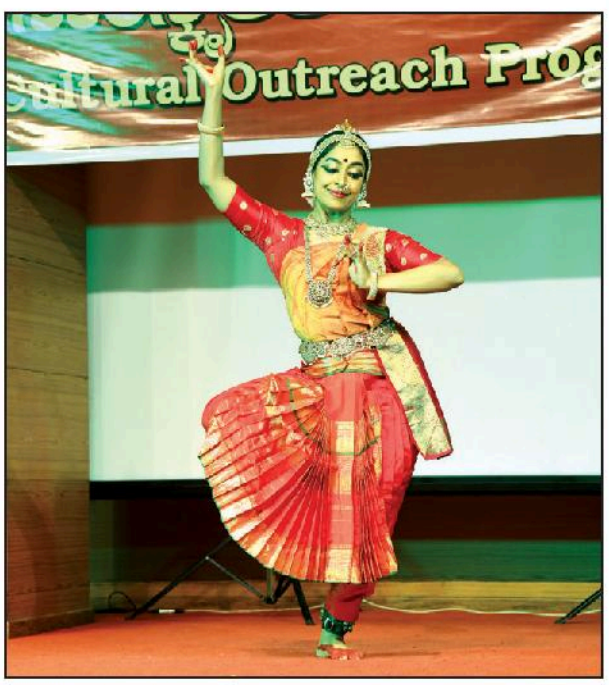
In the writ petition, advocate Arunkumar has named the State Government's Chief Secretary; Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare; Secretary, Karnataka State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Chairman, Karnataka Public Service Commission and Commissioner, Department of Social Welfare as the respondents.

Addressing the media persons at Bangalore Press Club, Arunkumar said the State Government making appointments to backlog vacancies related to Scheduled Castes is a violation of law considering the Supreme Court order and Sadashiva Commission Report.

"We have sought the cancellation of all backlog appointments from Aug. 1, 2024 in our writ petition. The State Government must consider the Supreme Court's order and the recommendations of Sadashiva Commission while filling up the vacancies. Despite, Supreme Court granting powers to implement the internal reservation, the State Government has not implemented the Apex Court's order.

The Karnataka Samajika Nyaya Para Vedike (Karnataka Forum for Social Justice) has urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to call for an emergency Cabinet meeting to discuss about the implementation of internal reservation," he said. Advocates M. Shivakumar, L. Rajendra and M. Dasaiah were present.

Bharatanatyam artistes mesmerise audience at BVB



Mysuru, Oct. 20 (PM&VNS)- Yashodha's epitome of love and nurturing Lord Krishna and Draupadi Vastrapaharan were the highlights of 'Bharatanatya – Prathibimba', jointly organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, along with BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru as part of its 139th Cultural Outreach Programme at Prof. Y.T. Thathachari Auditorium at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in city, yesterday.

Artistes Vidu. Gowri Sagar, Dance Director of Srikanteshwara Kala Kendra, Vidu. Pruthvi Parthasarathy and disciples of Gowri — Srilakshmi Narayan, M. Nithyashree, Sneha, Shreya, L. Madhumitha, Snigdha, Smrithi Harithasa and C. Aishwarya mesmerised the audience with their performance.

Earlier, the programme was inaugurated by noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy. BVB Mysuru Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Treasurer A.T. Bhashyam, Managing Committee Members Dr. J.V. Gayathri and Dr. T.S. Gangadhar, Administrative Officer S.R. Ravikumar, BVB School Principal S. Lekha Nair were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Appreciable

Pronunciation: uh-PREE-shuh-bul (Adjective)
Meaning: Appreciable describes things that can be perceived or measured.
Origin: If you assumed that appreciable means "able to be appreciated," we see you and we appreciate you. You've got a good eye for word families: appreciable does indeed share an ancestor with appreciate. However, the former does not describe things that are worthy of gratitude or admiration for their value, but rather things that are noticeable or measurable, as in "an appreciable difference between the two shades of green." Appreciable comes, via French, from the Late Latin verb appretiare ("to appraise" or "to put a price on"), and is one of several English adjectives that can be applied to something that can be detected, felt, or measured. When it comes to vocabulary, it's hard to put a price on having an abundance of options.
Example: "Digital transformations have made an appreciable impact on society. Whether it's conspicuous guidance or subtle suggestion, technology influences our everyday decisions." —Glenn Harvey, Business Insider, 1 June 2024.

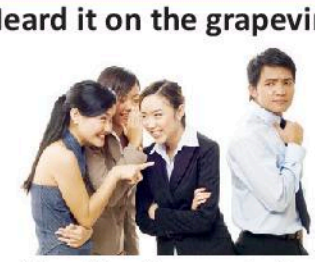
THE ODD WORD

Adoxography

Beautiful writing on a subject of little or no importance.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Heard it on the grapevine



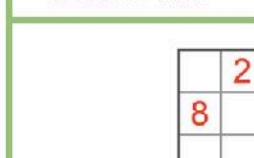
Meaning: This phrase "Heard it on the grapevine" or "Heard it though the grapevine" is a nice way of saying that one heard the information by means of gossip and rumour.
Origin: The "grapevine telegraph" was a way to express that information was received by eavesdropping on conversations going on between workers in the grapevines.
Example: "I heard on the grapevine that my sister-in-law got the promotion, but I really don't know much about it."

QUOTE BOX

Time is money. **—Benjamin Franklin**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Red Cross.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A winged being from Persian mythology
5 Condemn to an adverse fate
9 Humour
12 Successful pilots
13 Famous volcano
14 Old time classic movie Alam ___
15 Is a trait of
18 Precious stone
19 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
20 And so on abbr.
22 Small light boat
26 __ __ _ ghost : scared to death, in a way (4,2,1)
30 Short Take-Off and Landing
31 Executed a programme on the computer?
32 A small portion of anything - as in "a ___ of comfort"?
34 East Anglian city - "ley" anagram
35 Pale red colour
37 A small songbird
39 Sadness or depression
41 Brother of Kush
42 In a while
45 Two-leaf sheet
49 Stealing (6,3,4)
53 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
54 In addition
55 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
56 Indonesia's earlier name
57 Extending far down
58 Display or practice model (abbrev.)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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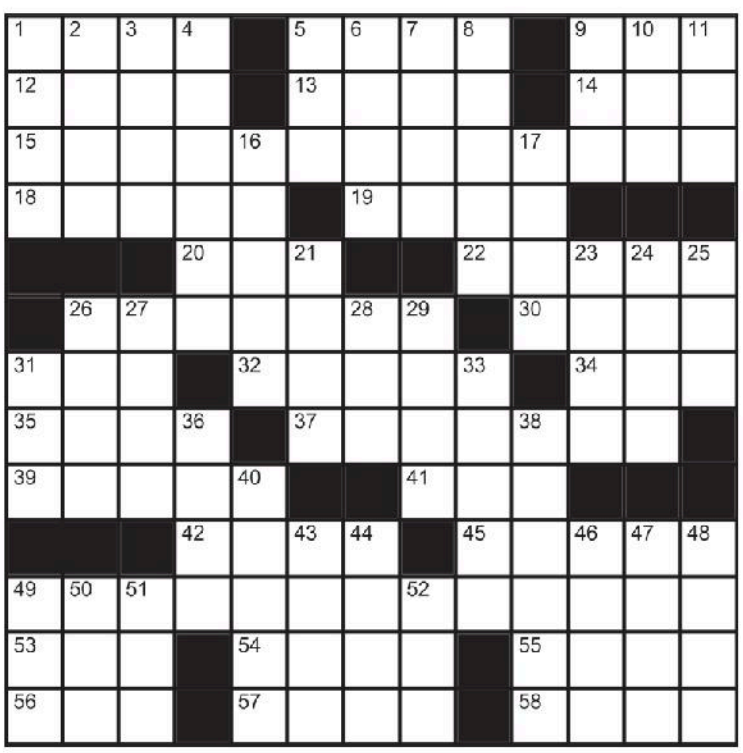
DOWN

1 Agreement
2 Reverberation
3 Cut the grain crop
4 Middle Eastern country
5 X-mas month
6 Conductor Klemperer
7 Unique or singular person
8 Female horses
9 Existed
10 Anger
11 Colloquial expressions for thanks ?
16 Mexican language
17 Kinds, types or sorts
21 Fiat, Maruti, Toyota, et al.?
23 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
24 People in general
25 Take to wings
26 A wooden bucket?
27 "A" in A.D. ?
28 Arab market
29 An alcoholic radical
31 Role playing game in short
33 Card game
36 Tributary of Ganges
38 Declared or confessed, asserted
40 Simple single-celled organism
43 Make eyes at
44 Facial feature
46 Former Italian coin
47 One of those things on the programme
48 Taft's state in the US
49 An adult male
50 Period of human life
51 Colourful carp
52 Affected individual



SUDOKU

	2	5		1		6		3
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		3	7				1	
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	5				4	1		
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Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	5	1	7	2	9	3	6
2	7	1	6	3	9	4	5	8
9	3	6	5	8	4	7	1	2
5	9	2	3	4	1	8	6	7
3	6	8	7	2	5	1	9	4
7	1	4	9	6	8	3	2	5
1	5	7	8	9	6	2	4	3
6	4	3	2	1	7	5	8	9
8	2	9	4	5	3	6	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DZKDXZ NMAZ IHBBZSZCN SKMIR RZZAHCW BFXBHXXLZCN

MCI QMDDHCZRR. PFRN EZUMFRZ NQZT'SZ CKN KC

TKFS SKMI IKZRC'N LZMC NQZT'YZ WKNNZC XKRN.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Man is a genius when he is dreaming.

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Martin (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	(S-1)	4.05 pm, 10.05 pm
	(S-4)	12.55 pm, 7 pm
Vettaiyan (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 7.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Jigra (H)	(S-2)	1 pm
Murphy (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Bougainvillea (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Simha Roopini (K)	(S-4)	10.25 am

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Murphy (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Prakarana Tanikha Hanthadallide (K)	(S-1)	4.20 pm
Love Reddy (Te)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 4.25 pm
	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Martin (K)	(S-1)	9.30 pm; (S-3) 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4 pm, 9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Martin (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	9.25 am, 12.15 pm 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Jigra (H)	:	9.35 am, 2.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Bougainvillea (Ma)	:	10 am, 4.30 pm, 9.45 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	:	10 am, 3.15 pm, 5.40 pm 8.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	11.40 am, 6.15 pm
Smile 2 (E)	:	12.25 pm, 7.30 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	1 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Sir (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
Love Reddy (Te)	:	4 pm
Singham (H)	:	6.40 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Martin (K)	:	9.05 am, 9.55 am, 12.15 pm 3.25 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.15 pm, 3.40 pm 6.05 pm, 8.30 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Porki (K)	:	1.05 pm
Prakarana Tanikha Hantadallide (K)	:	4.20 pm
Murphy (K)	:	6.35 pm
Maantrika (K)	:	9.30 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Martin (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 2.10 pm, 5.35 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.30 am
Bougainvillea (Ma)	:	11.10 am, 7.20 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	:	11.10 am, 4.40 pm, 7.05, 9.30 pm
Jigra (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	1.35 pm
Murphy (K)	:	4.25 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 1.15 pm, 3.10 pm 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Martin (K)	:	9.50 am, 12 noon, 1 pm, 3.10 pm 4.10 pm, 6.20 pm, 7.20, 10.30 pm
Maantrika (K)	:	10.35 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.20 am
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	:	12.45 pm, 6.35 pm, 9 pm
Prakarana Tanikha Hantadallide (K)	:	4.40 pm
Bougainvillea (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 20)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 20th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Silk India:** Expo-cum-sale of silk sarees, handwoven cotton sarees, jewellery, including silver, kundan, meenakari, handwoven fabrics and much more, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Exhibition Grounds, **2.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) - Mysuru Chapter:** Inaugural function - 8th Chapter Convention on Quality Concepts, Theme: 'Investing in people, building a better future,' Valedictory function, BEML (Mysuru) Executive Director G. Srinivasan, chief guest, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, guest of honour, QCFI Chairperson R.C. Suchitra presides, VVCE premises, Gokulam, **3.30 pm.**
- **Carmel Catholic Association (CCA), Mysuru and Mysore Chess Centre:** CCA PAZZO Inter-School Chess Competition, Valedictory function, Schevaran Group Chairman Sam Cherian Kumbukattu, chief guest, Grand Master Thej Kumar distributes prizes, Christ Public School, Bogadi, **5 pm.**
- **Dhvanyaloka:** Exhibition of Lotus and Lily, **up to 9 pm;** Ramabhyudayam - Mega Musical & Theatrical Dance by Bharatanyam Acharyas Badari Divya Bhushan, Dr. Anjana Bhushan with their sons Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, Dhvanyaloka premises, Bogadi Road, **7 pm.**
- **Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy Pratishtana and Samvahana Prakashana, Mysuru:** Release of book 'Maleyuru Mandara' and conferring of 'Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy Award' on Poet and Thinker Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Kunduru Mutt Seer Dr. Sharath Chandra Swamiji will grace the occasion, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa presides, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. C. Somashekar releases the book, Visiting Professor Dr. C. Naganna speaks on 'Maleyuru Guruswamy Baduku Mattu Sahitya-Ondu Chintane,' MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad and retd. Prof. Jayanti Maleyuru Guruswamy chief guests, Gita Gayana by Chamarajeshwari Akkana Balaga, Mysuru, **3 pm;** Golden Jubilee Auditorium, JSS College, Ooty Road, **4 pm.**
- **The Melodic Medics:** *Gaata Rahe Mera Dil,* an evening of superhit songs of Kishore Kumar and Lata Mangeshkar by Dr. Seethalakshmi and Dr. Somanath Vasudeva couple, Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Hunsur Road, **5.15 pm.**
- **Bamboo Melody Raagas:** Solo flute recital by Ankush S. Kadaba, by Vid. M.D. Arjun on violin, Vid. Pavan Madhav on mridanga and Vid. Chidananda on morching; Vidwan H.K. Narasimhamurthy, Vidushi H.N. Rajalakshmi and flautist & teacher Rakesh Sudhir will be present, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Jilla Rangabhoomi Vruthi Kalavideyara Sangha and Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru:** S.S. Gayathri Memorial Theatre Festival - 35th anniversary celebrations, 35 harmonium masters will be conferred theatre honour, Town Hall, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Salim Ali – Pakshi Lokada Beragu' by Arivu Ranga, Mysuru, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kala Suruchi:** Harikatha performance on 'Dasa Shreshta Purandara Dasaru,' by Srilalitha Uliyaru accompanied by Srihari Acharya Uliyaru on harmonium and Vidwan H.R. Udayakumar on tabla, Kala Suruchi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 21)

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- **Uttaradi Mutt's Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Srirampura:** Week-long special discourse on Mahabharata (Adiparva) by noted scholar Sri Sreenivasateerthacharya Hebbur, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Gita Jnana Yajna, Recital of Vishnu Sahasranamam, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Swami Adityananda delivers discourse on 'Jnana-Vijnana Yoga – 7th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita,' Ramana Jnana Kendra, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Gemini Circus

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